

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 13-22 in the above-identified application.

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a). In particular, the Examiner states that in Claims 13 and 18, the element "an image signal amplifying circuit" must be shown in the drawings or the feature canceled from the claims.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending Claims 13 and 18 to change "image signal amplifying circuit" to "image signal processing circuit." This is shown, for example, as reference number 112 in Fig. 1 of the present application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection now be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-10 and 12

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-10 and 12 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Hiroki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In support of her rejection, the Examiner contends that Hiroki discloses "...a photosensor (CCD11)(Fig. 3) for changing an output voltage of the gamma correction circuit (106-108) in accordance with a brightness of a surrounding..." (emphasis added). Applicants disagree with this contention by the Examiner.

Hiroki does not appear to disclose or suggest a photosensor (CCD11) for changing an output voltage of the gamma correction circuit in accordance with a brightness of a surrounding, as recited in independent Claim 1 of the present application. Rather, Hiroki teaches changing the output voltage of the gamma correction circuit in accordance with the image of the display itself. See for example the Summary of the Invention in col. 2 and Claim 1 of Hiroki.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon are not shown or suggested by the cited reference but are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5-7, 11 and 23-35

The Examiner also rejects Claims 3, 5-7, 11 and 23-35 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Hiroki in view of McCartney, Jr. et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

For at least the same reason discussed above, these claims are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

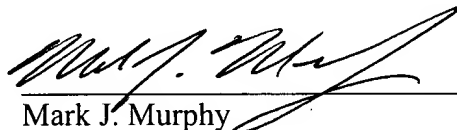
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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